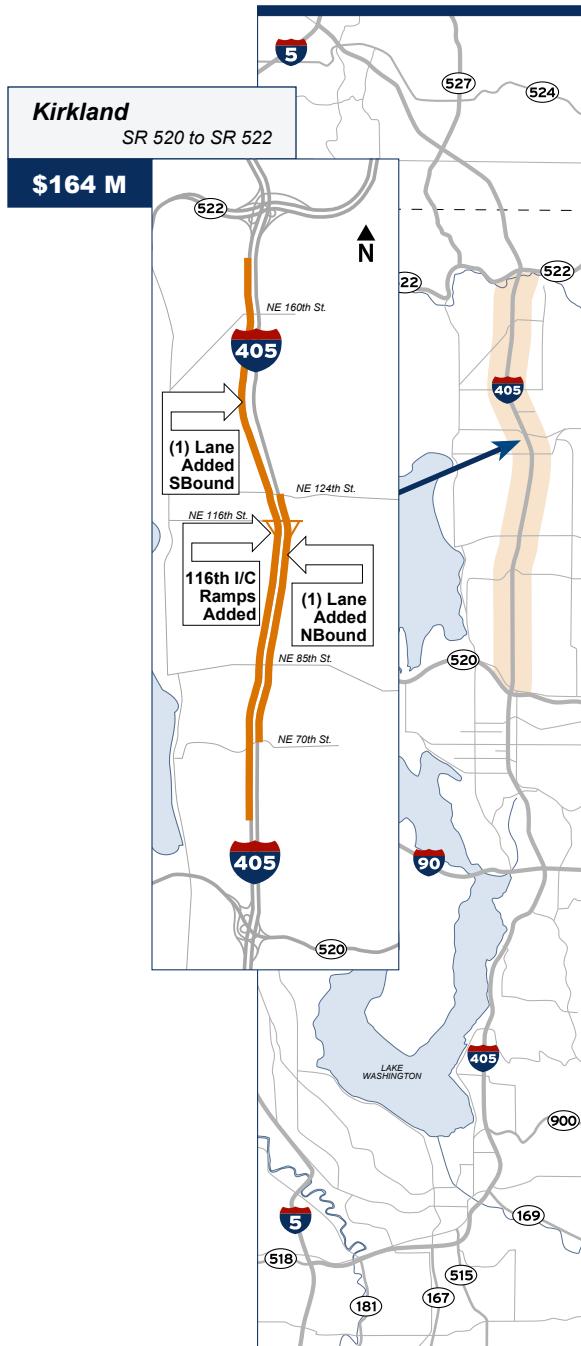




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Regular Construction Updates

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Kirkland Nickel Improvement Project [SR 520 to SR 522]

The Kirkland Nickel Project is located along a 7.6-mile section of I-405 between SR 520 and SR 522. Beginning in Bellevue, the project passes north through Kirkland and a portion of unincorporated King County and ends in Bothell.

This project, totaling \$164 million, includes three major improvements: A new northbound general-purpose lane on I-405 from the NE 70th Street interchange to the NE 124th Street interchange, a new southbound general-purpose lane from just south of the SR 522 interchange to just north of the SR 520 interchange, and reconfiguration of the interchange at NE 116th Street to improve traffic operations. Other traffic improvements include changes at NE 85th Street and NE 116th Street, water quality treatment, detention, and conveyance system updates; architectural treatments that will enhance project appearance; and numerous measures to avoid or minimize effects to the environment. Construction is planned to start in late 2005 and be completed in two stages by the end of 2009.

What are the Nickel Projects?

In spring 2003, the Washington State Legislature approved a Nickel Funding Package providing more than \$4 billion over 10 years for a variety of highway improvement projects throughout the state. Three of the "Nickel Projects", totaling \$485 million, are on I-405. These three projects are the first step toward achieving the I-405 Master Plan as detailed in the 2002 Environmental Impact Statement focusing on Kirkland, south Bellevue, and Renton/Tukwila.

Kirkland Nickel Improvement Project Benefits

This Nickel Project will provide many short- and long-term benefits to improve access, mobility and safety within this section of the freeway by:

- Shortening periods of congestion in the "Kirkland Crawl"
- Increasing travel speeds during peak commuter hours
- Improving north- and southbound merging conditions at NE 85th Street, and interchange operations at NE 116th Street
- Installing a fish passage improvement (culvert or structure) on Forbes Creek
- Constructing five new noise walls and upgrading or relocating four existing walls
- Implementing "Context Sensitive Solutions" design principles to improve aesthetics

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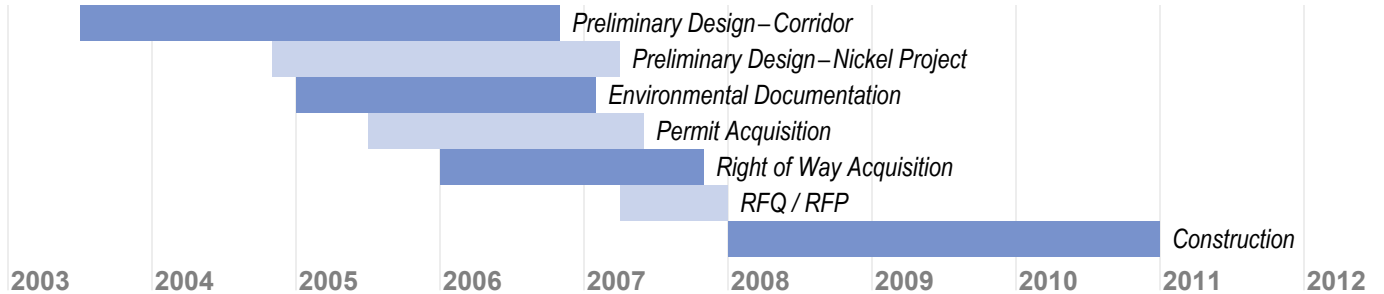


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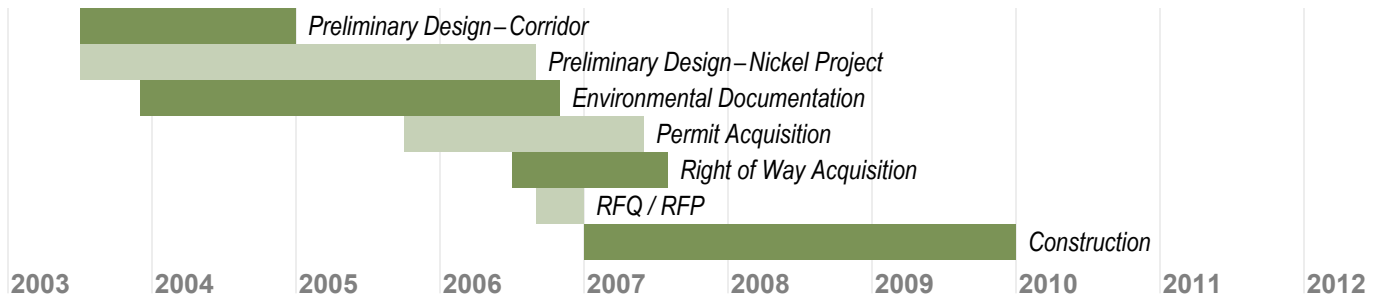
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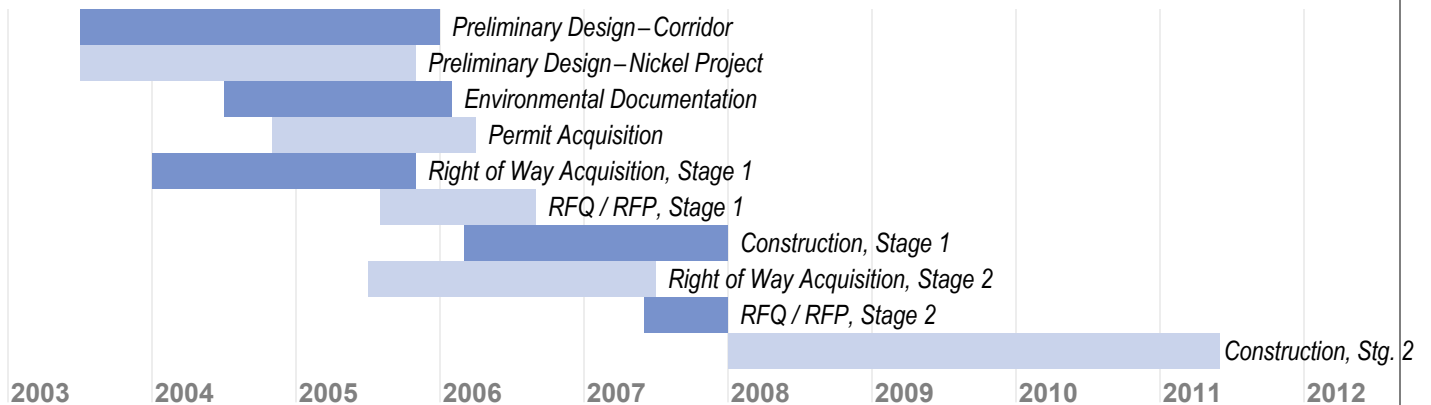
I-405 West Valley Highway to Maple Valley Highway (Renton/Tukwila)



I-405 SE 8th Street to I-90 (South Bellevue)



I-405 SR 520 to SR 522 (Kirkland)



I-405 SR 169 to I-90 (Renton to Bellevue)

